

Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2009

1. Call to Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Roll call: Bob Clancy, Joanne Blier, Michael Buoniconti, Rebecca Richardson, Maggie Rice, Lisa Danek Burke, Laurie Laffond, and Patricia Bell were present.

2. Audience of Citizens:

None

3. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve the Rowe School Committee meeting minutes from September 8, 2009 as read. Unanimous yes vote.

4. Correspondence:

- A. September 10, 2009, letter from Superintendent Buoniconti to Chiefs of Police, Mohawk Trail Regional School System Towns. (See Appendix A)
- B. September 16, 2009, letter from Kathleen C. Millett, ESE Administrator Nutrition, Health and Safety to Superintendent Buoniconti and Rowe School Committee re: Child Nutrition Program application approval. (See Appendix B)
- C. September 22, 2009, letter from Russell J. Dupere, Esq., re: sex offender record information. (See Appendix C)
- D. October 9, 2009 email from Thomas Scott, Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents to Superintendent Buoniconti, re: Revenue Shortfall (See Appendix D)
- E. October 14, 2009, letter from Superintendent Buoniconti to Chiefs of Police, Mohawk Trail Regional School System Towns (See Appendix E)

5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Energy Project – Continued work on the energy project with Siemens.

6. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. Maggie Rice had input on how pleased parents were with the Open House and the Parent-Teacher Conferences.

7. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. K-6 Related Arts Curriculum Integration -
- B. Student Health – H1N1 –School attendance down 25% - 7-12 level – K-6 normal attendance.
- C. Student Safety – Superintendent Michael Buoniconti met with the local chief of police from all district towns to discuss Level 2/Level 3 Sex Offenders. Would like to recommend a NO TRESPASS order on all Level 2/Level 3 sex offenders on all school grounds across all of the schools systems.
- D. Nine Town News – New Mohawk website. Mohawk would like to go mostly electronic with the Nine Town News.
- E. Student Family Email Addresses – All families that have email will start to receive electronic issues of the Nine Town News.
- F. New Website Coming Soon – Looking for a new name for the website.
- G. Standards-Based Report Card – (See Appendix F)

8. Financial Information:

- A. FY2010 Operating Statement (distributed at meeting) (See Appendix G)
- B. FY2011 Draft Budget Proposal (distributed at meeting) (See Appendix H)

9. Report of the Principal:

- A. Principal Report – As read (See Appendix I)
- B. 2009-2010 Calendar of Events –
- C. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to approve funding for Circus Smirkus out of the LCC Grant (that has been applied for) if funding doesn't come through then funding to come from the REAP Grant. Unanimous yes vote. (\$1,000 was discussed but was not included in the vote. After the meeting; the principal was contacted by the Rowe LCC and will receive funding of \$1,000 towards this event, and \$200 towards the STARLAB)

10. Action Items:

- A. **Vote to accept grants received for the 2009-2010 School Year** – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Richardson to accept grants received for the 2009-2010 school year. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix J)
- B. **Line Item Transfers – Vote to transfer \$3,772.00 from Regular Transportation to Tech Tuition, \$17,694.00 from Tuition Mohawk to Tech Tuition, \$2,500.00 from Replace-Improve Equipment to Tech Tuition, \$1,400.00 from Replace-Improve Equipment to Contracted Maintenance, \$1,100.00 from Replace-Improve Equipment to Grounds Maintenance Supplies, \$500.00 from Library Computers to MASX Dues, \$500.00 from Field Trip Transportation to Tech Tuition – Total transfers = \$27,466.00** – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to transfer \$3,772.00 from Regular Transportation to Tech Tuition, \$17,694.00 from Tuition Mohawk to Tech Tuition, \$2,500.00 from Replace-Improve Equipment to Tech Tuition, \$1,400.00 from Replace-Improve Equipment to Contracted Maintenance, \$1,100.00 from Replace-Improve Equipment to Grounds Maintenance Supplies, \$500.00 from Library Computers to MASX Dues, \$500.00 from Field Trip Transportation to Tech Tuition – Total transfers = \$27,466.00. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix K)
- C. **Vote to approve \$4,619.00 expenditure for Three-Year Asbestos Management Plan** - A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to approve \$4,619.00 expenditure for Three-Year Asbestos Management Plan. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix L)
- D. **Vote to approve (additional) \$500.00 expenditure for 2009-2010 MASC Dues** – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve \$500.00 expenditure for 2009-2010 MASC dues. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix M) (Note; the total invoice for MASC is \$1,000)
- E. **Vote to approve \$995.00 expenditure for interior door handles with locks** - A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to approve \$995.00 expenditure for interior door handles and locks. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix N)
- F. **Vote to approve \$3,464.45 expenditure for Destiny Library software (suggested funding REAP Grant)** – A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to approve \$3,464.45 expenditure for Destiny Library Software and funding will come from the REAP Grant. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix O)

- G. **Vote to approve \$8,000.00 estimated expenditure for guided Reading Library – PD Assessment System (suggested funding REAP Grant) –**
A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve not to exceed \$8,000.00 as the estimated expenditure for the Guided Reading library, professional development for Guided Reading and the Benchmark Assessment System, with funding to come from the REAP Grant, pending Joanne Blier's review and oversight of the contract. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix P)
- H. **Vote to approve \$10,000.00 funding for a Reading Recovery Salary – suggested funding ARRA Grant and balance from General Fund (Early Literacy Grant was not received in FY10) –** A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve \$10,000.00 in funding for the Reading Recovery salary with \$7,295.00 from ARRA Grant and \$2,705.00 from REAP Grant. Unanimous yes vote.
- I. **Vote to approve sale and/or disposal of surplus vehicle (1997 International Blue Bird School Bus 71 passenger, mileage 126,617) –** A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve the sale and/or disposal of surplus vehicle (1997 International Blue Bird School Bus 71 Passenger), with 126,617 miles. Unanimous yes vote.
- J. **Vote to approve the NEASC 5-year report –** A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to approve the NEASC 5-year report. Unanimous yes vote.

11. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – None
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – (See Appendix Q)
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – None

12. Handouts:

- A. Special Education Data – Was handed out at the meeting by Pat Bell. (See Appendix R)
- B. Announcement – Hampshire Educational Collaborative name change to Collaborative for Education Services (CES) – (See Appendix S)
- C. October 2009 9 Town Area School News articles “Communication – Communication – Communication” and “Mohawk Teacher Lynn Dole Named Curriculum Director” – (See Appendix T)
- D. October 8, 2009, Press Release – Governor Patrick Announces Readiness Centers to Support Educators – (See Appendix U)

13. Executive Session:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to go into Executive Session, under M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B(3), to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Lisa Danek Burke – yes; Maggie Rice – yes; and Rebecca Richardson – yes. Out of regular session at 9:00pm and will go into Executive Session when come out of Executive Session will go into Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment.
A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to go out of Executive Session for the purpose of adjournment. Lisa Danek Burke – yes, Maggie Rice – yes, Rebecca Richardson – yes - Out of Executive Session at 9:15pm.

14. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson